

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-9 and 14-16 as follows. For the Examiner's convenience, a clean copy of all pending claims 1-17 is being reproduced below, with the amended claims being so labeled, and a marked-up version of the amended claims being submitted in an Appendix attached at the end of this Amendment:

1. (Amended) A motor vehicle wheel comprising:

a wheel rim;

a tire having a tire interior enclosed by the wheel rim and the tire;

the tire being mounted on the wheel rim;

an insert comprising a ring-shaped sound-absorbing material;

the insert being positioned within the tire interior;

an acoustically transparent support element comprising at least one layer of fibers oriented in a circumferential direction and having a centrifugal force resisting tensile strength, at least in the circumferential direction of the tire, wherein the centrifugal force resisting tensile strength is achieved by the at least one layer of fibers oriented in the circumferential direction; and

the acoustically transparent support element being coupled to the insert.

2. (Amended) The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 1, the insert having

a surface open to the tire interior at least over a portion of its cross-section; and
the acoustically transparent support element wrapping the surface of the insert.

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3. (Amended) The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 1, the acoustically transparent support element comprising a plurality of support element layers radially arranged within the insert at discrete distances from each other.

4. (Amended) The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 1, the acoustically transparent support element comprising a woven mesh.

5. (Amended) The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 4, the woven mesh comprising fibers with tensile strength and extending in an axial direction of the tire.

6. (Amended) A motor vehicle wheel comprising:

a wheel rim;

a tire having a tire interior enclosed by the wheel rim and the tire;

the tire being mounted on the wheel rim;

an insert comprising a ring-shaped sound-absorbing material;

the insert being positioned within the tire interior;

an acoustically transparent support element comprising at least one layer of perforated foil oriented in a circumferential direction and having a centrifugal force resisting tensile strength, at least in the circumferential direction of the tire, wherein the centrifugal force resisting tensile strength is achieved by the at least one layer of perforated foil oriented in the circumferential direction; and

a the acoustically transparent support element being coupled to the insert.

7. (Amended) The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 6, the foil being isotropic.

8. (Amended) The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 1, the insert being a closed ring.

9. (Amended) The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 8, the closed ring comprising a strip of sound-absorbing material wrapped several times in a ring-like manner.

10. The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 9, the strip having at least one side coupled to the acoustically transparent support element.

11. The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 9, the acoustically transparent support element is one of glued and welded to the strip.

12. The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 8, the acoustically transparent support element is one of glued and welded to the closed ring.

13. The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 1, the insert comprising a plurality of radially arranged insert layers.

14. (Amended) The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 13, the acoustically transparent support element comprising a plurality of support element layers; and
at least one of the support element layers is positioned between adjacent radially arranged insert layers.

15. (Amended) The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 1, the insert comprising a plurality of circumferential segments joined after assembly.

16. (Amended) The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 1, the acoustically transparent support element adding, at least in the circumferential direction, tension to the

sound-absorbing insert.

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17. The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 1, wherein the insert is mounted at the wheel rim.

Please add the following new claims:

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--18. The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 1, wherein the ring-shaped sound-absorbing material comprises an open-pore foamed material.

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19. The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 18, wherein the open-pore foamed material comprises a PU-foam.

20. The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 18, wherein the open-pore foamed material comprises a weight around 50 kg/m^3 and a mean pore content of approximately 2 mm^3 .

21. The motor vehicle wheel in accordance with claim 1, wherein the ring-shaped sound-absorbing material comprises at least one of a felt and an absorbing cotton.--